

Keep Nothing From Mother.

They sat at the spinning together,
And they spun the fine white thread;
One face was old and the other was
young—
A golden and silver head.

At times, the young voice broke in song
That was wonderfully sweet;
And the mother's heart beat deep and
calm,
For her joy was most complete.

There was many a holy lesson,
Interwoven with silent prayer;
Taught to her gentle, listening child,
As they two sat spinning there.

'And of all that I speak, my darling,
From my older head and heart,
God giveth me one last thing to say,
And with it thou must not part.

'Thou wilt listen to many voices,
And ah! woe that this must be!
The song of praise and the voice of love
And the voice of flattery.

'But listen to me, my little one,
There's one thing thou must fear—
Let never a word to my love be said
Which her mother may not hear.

'No matter how true, my darling one,
The words may seem to thee;
They are not fit for my child to hear
If they cannot be told to me.

'If thou'lt ever keep thy young heart
pure,
And thy mother's heart from fear,
Bring all that is said to thee by day
At night to thy mother's ear.

KATE'S BROTHER JACK.

"You seem to think a great deal
of your sister," said one of Jack's
chums to him the other day, as if
the fact was rather surprising.

"Why, yes, I do," responded Jack,
heartily. "Kit and I are great
friends."

"You always," continued the other,
"seem to have such a good time
when you are out together."

"Well," laughed Jack, "the fact is,
that when I have Kit out, I keep all
the while forgetting that she isn't
some other fellow's sister."

I pondered somewhat over this
conversation, wishing that all the
brothers and sisters in the world
were as good friends as Jack and
Kate Hazell, and wondering why
they were not. It struck me that
the answer to my query was con-
tained in Jack's last sentence. Boys
don't usually treat their sisters as
they would if they were "some other
fellow's sisters." Jack is a shining
exception. He kneels to put on
Kate's shoes as gallantly as if she
were Bessie Dare, and Bessie Dare
is at present Jack's ideal of all that
is loveliest in girlhood. He keeps
his engagements with Kate punctu-
ally; for instance, when Jack has
Kate at a company, and asks her for
a certain dance, and afterward dis-
covers that his bright particular star
can give him that dance and no other,
he does not consider that fact a
sufficient excuse for taking Miss
Dare and leaving Kate. He takes
Kate in to supper, himself, and cares
for her in all ways as an escort
should; and Kate knows what to
expect of him, and what to do her-
self, and is not in dread of desertion,
or of being left to the tender mercies
of any one who notices her forlorn
condition. And I don't wonder,
when I see how nice, as he treats her,
that Kate declares that she would
rather have her brother Jack for an
escort than almost any one else in the
world.

At home, too, Jack is a pattern.
Though there is a constant merry
war between brother and sister, and
jokes and repartees fly thick and
fast, yet it is always fair and
thrilling between them. All for sport,
and naught for malice; the wit never
degenerates into rudeness. Then,
too, if Kate does anything for him,
her kindness is always acknowl-
edged. Does she take the trouble to
make for him his favorite rice gril-
de-cakes, and then stay in the
kitchen to bake them herself, that
they may acquire that delicate gold-
en brown which is so dear to the
taste of all who love them truly,
Jack never fails to assure her that
her efforts are appreciated.

Does she paint him a tea up and
saucer, or embroider him a nat-band,
he is as delighted as possible. He
does not take all these things as a
matter of course. On Saturday
nights he is apt to remember her by
a box of candy, a bunch of flowers,
or a bottle of her favorite violet per-
fume. Best of all, he talks to her.
He tells her his thoughts, his hopes
and fears, his disappointments, and
his plans for the future. In short,
they are, as he said, "great friends."

Some of Jack's comrades rather
envy him his good fortune in pos-
sessing so devoted a sister as Kate,
and they have been heard to say
frankly, that they wish their sisters
were as nice as Kate Hazell. If
those boys would pursue the same
course of action toward their sisters
that Jack does toward his, they
might, perhaps, be rewarded with as
delightful a result; for it is by
little acts of kindness, and courtesy,
and consideration, that Jack has
made of his sister a friend whose
love will never grow cold, whose
devotion will never falter, and whose
loyalty will never fail while life shall
last.—Christian at Work.

A BRAVE ENGINEER.

Not long since, a railway train,
loaded with over six hundred passen-
gers, was running across New Jersey.
By some mishap to the machinery, a
back draft drove the steam and flames
into the cab and forced the fireman
and engineer to retreat from the lo-
comotive to the baggage car. The
tender was set on fire, and the train
dashed along without control.

An attempt was made to get to
the air brakes in the rear of the train,
but the block of frightened passen-
gers interposed an obstacle that could

neither be penetrated nor surmounted.
Seeing the destruction that
threatened the six hundred lives, the
engineer, Joseph A. Sieg, rushed
through the smoke and flame back to
the burning cab.

Nearly a minute passed—it seemed
an age to the paralyzed passen-
gers, penned up, and swiftly rushing
to a horrible death—and then the
train stopped. The passengers knew
that the engineer had succeeded in
putting on the air brakes and in re-
versing the engine.

The stopping of the train allowed
the flame to shoot upward and to dis-
close the tender. A man's head was
seen in the water-tank. Two men
rushed forward and lifted out the
half-consumed engineer.

He had jumped in the water to ex-
tinguish his burning clothes. His
flesh was scorched all over his body,
and from both hands it hung in
shreds.

In three days he died, a martyr to
duty.

Our railroads have developed a
class of men as peculiar in manner
and speech as the old tars of fifty
years ago. And they are as brave,
too, when duty calls them to risk
life or limb. Engineer Sieg was a
good type of a noble class of men.

The writer of these paragraphs
knew an engineer who saved his pas-
sengers by deliberately going down,
with his engine, into a yawning
chasm. He was running on the Cin-
cinnati and Marietta road, which was
then made extra hazardous by the
high trestles erected over wide
ravines.

One day, as he was descending a
downward grade, he saw that the trest-
le which bridged a gulf over a hun-
dred feet deep had twisted out of
line. He could easily have saved
himself, as the fireman did, by jump-
ing.

But he whistled "down brakes,"
reversed the engine, and went down
with his hand on the throttle-valve.
He saved his passengers, for the cars
stopped on the abyss. They found
him at the bottom, with a broken
thigh, arm, collar bone and ribs. Thanks
to the skill of American sur-
gery, he recovered.

It is well for passengers to think
of these facts when they see the grimy
man, with soiled clothes, looking out
of the cab-window.—Youth's Com-
panion.

HOW THE WAR BROUGHT THE PEANUT INTO PROMINENCE.

Norfolk is now the largest peanut
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dirt and the rough surface. Thence
they are passed through brushes
which polish the surface and finally
over a series of canvass strips in
motion, about which a number of
hands stand and assort them as they
come along, picking out the faulty
ones and allowing the choice peas to
find their way into bags.

The peanut is a native of Africa,
though it has never had the advan-
tage of an emancipation act and is
still bought and sold as a com-
mercial commodity. It has, however,
materially improved its condition by
coming to a civilized country and is
now much larger and daintier than
its African brother, or let us say,
progenitor.

The African article was once
largely imported to this country, but
it is no longer a favorite with us
and an invoice of African peas shipped
to New York last year was not market-
able. The variety now finds its
market in Marseilles, where it and
the Indian cotton seeds are manu-
factured into olive oil and imported to
this country so that in point of fact
the African pea does find its way to
America still.

Seriously, it is a little singular
that the war which was waged for
the emancipation of the black man
should have brought the peanut into
prominence. Up to this time pen-
nuts were not grown to any appre-
ciable extent as an article of traffic,
and their commercial value is post-
bellum. The Yankees tasted the
dainty nut during the war and
while they did not become so fasci-
nated with its delicate flavor as did
the soldiers of Xenophon with the
lotos, they fell so much in love with
it as an article of diet that as soon
as they returned to their homes in
the North they began to clamor for
it, and the Southern farmer turned
his attention from the negro to his
neighbor, the peanut, and soon the
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